

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS April 2022



SUPARNA RAJARAM AMONG 2022 GUGGENHEIM FELLOWS

Suparna Rajaram, a distinguished professor of cognitive science in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Psychology at Stony Brook, has been named as 2022 Guggenheim fellow by the Board of Trustees of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. She is among a diverse group of 180 exceptional individuals chosen from almost 2,500 applicants on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise.

Over the years, she has been honored by prestigious organizations such as the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for her commitment to excellence in the field of cognitive psychology, and her naming as a Guggenheim Fellow is further testament to her scholarship and leadership.”

Source: India West Journal, 15/04/2022

<https://indiawest.com/2022/04/15/guggenheim-fellowship-awarded-to-accomplished-research-scholars/>

DR ASHISH JHA IS A PANDEMIC PUNDIT ON TV – NOW HE IS BIDEN'S NEW CORONAVIRUS CZAR

Dr. Ashish K. Jha, Dean of the Brown University School of Public Health and an Indian American Physician was appointed as the National Coordinator of COVID-19 response by Hon. President Biden.

Dr. Jha is one of the leading public health experts in America, and a well-known figure to many Americans from his wise and calming public presence.

He is a globally recognized expert on pandemic preparedness and response as well as on health policy research and practice

Source: The Washington Post, 10/04/2022

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/04/09/ashish-jha-coronavirus-czar-biden/>



N.J. GOVERNOR APPOINTS DR. NIMISHA SHUKLA TO STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Dr. Nimisha J. Shukla, a pediatrician and businesswoman in the state of New Jersey was appointed to the State Board of Medical Examiners by Government of Phil Murphy. This is the first time an Indian-American physician will be serving on the N.J. Medical Board of Examiners in Gov. Murphy's administration, according to a press release.

The New Jersey's Board of Medical Examiners is responsible for protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. The Board is in charge of licensing medical professionals, adopting regulations, determining standards of practice, investigating allegations of physician misconduct, and disciplining those who do not adhere to requirements. Dr. Shukla, owns and manages several pediatric practices in New Jersey.

Source: NEWS India Times, 26/04/2022

<https://www.newsindiatimes.com/n-j-governor-appoints-dr-nimisha-shukla-to-state-board-of-medical-examiners/>



GIFT OF GALA : A NON PROFIT ORGANISATION FORMED BY AN INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR

Dr. Harshil Parekh along with Paresh and Flora has founded Gift of Life USA a non profit organisation that aims of helping the specially-abled and nurture acceptance and empathy, bridging the gap across the various communities that form the society.

They conducted annual Gala on 24th April 2022. The Gala highlighted the work of the organization, over the years – advocating, supporting and raising awareness of the exceptional talent and will-power of several distinguished differently-abled individuals with various disorders – Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, Asperger, Visual & Hearing Impaired etc.

Source: News India Times, 06/05/2022

http://epaper.newsindia-times.com/2022_05_06/7/#zoom=z



DR. P. RAGHU RAM CONFERRED PRESTIGIOUS UK HONOUR OBE AWARD BY PRINCE CHARLES

Dr. P. Raghu Ram, Director, KIMS-USHALAKSHMI Centre for Breast Diseases and Founder CEO of Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation based out of Hyderabad, has achieved the rare distinction to become one of the youngest surgeons of Indian origin in over 100 years to be conferred OBE(Officer of the Most Excellent Order of British Empire).

The award was bestowed by His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, who represented Queen Elizabeth II during a glittering Investiture ceremony held on 30 March 2022 at the Windsor Castle in Windsor near London, which is the oldest & largest occupied Castle in the world and is one of the official residences of the British Monarch.

Source: Medical Dialogues, 5/4/2022

<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-p-raghu-ram-conferred-prestigious-uk-honour-obe-award-by-prince-charles-90946>



DR. SHASHANK KHARABANDA HONORED WITH CORONA WARRIOR AWARD 2022 BY GENERALS OF THE INDIAN ARMY



Dr. Shashank Kharabanda (CEO of Angellife Private Limited, A health care solutions company) was awarded with Corona Warrior Award presented by Hon. Retd. Lt. General A.B Shivane (PVSM, AVSM, VSM)

For Dr. Shashank Kharabanda, himself a Covid survivor; while controlling his emotions said "For me it's a day to remember for the rest of my life, I'm humbled, honored and extremely grateful to the eminent juries for selecting me for this award and I thank God for giving me the strength, guidance, blessings and putting me a position where I could help save lives;

Dr. Shashank Kharabanda dedicated his award to his parents and his sister Ms. Shefali Mian who has been his strength & guiding angels and to the families who lost their loved once during the pandemic.

Source: mid-day, 12/04/2022

<https://www.mid-day.com/brand-media/article/dr-shashank-kharabanda-honored-with-corona-warrior-award-2022-by-generals-of-the-indian-army-23222567>





MELBOURNE COUPLE BECOMES FIRST INDIAN MIGRANTS TO WIN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS AWARD

Priyanka Sethi Berani and her husband Ved Berani's dental practice won the 32nd Annual Ethnic Business Awards (EBA) in the small business category. Mr Berani claims they are the first Indian-origin migrants to win in this category in 31 years. Australia's "longest-running" business awards celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of migrant and indigenous entrepreneurs.

Source: SBS Hindi 01/04/2022

<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/audio/melbourne-couple-becomes-first-indian-migrants-to-win-australian-business-award-in-31-years-donates-prize-money>

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LALITHA HOSPITAL DOCTOR RECEIVES A NATIONAL AWARD

Dr P Vijaya, MD, DM Chief of neurosciences and director Ankineedu Stroke Centre, Lalitha Super Specialities Hospital, received the World Stroke Day-2021 National Award from the Indian Stroke Association for securing the first place in public awareness activities on stroke.

This award was presented during the 15th National Stroke Conference held in JW Marriot Hotel, Mumbai.

In 2021, World Stroke Day was celebrated in 20 States to create spread awareness about stroke, its recognition and the importance of reaching a stroke-ready hospital in time to receive evidence-based therapies.

Source: The New Indian Express, 21/04/2022

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/vijayawada/2022/apr/21/lalitha-hospital-doctor-receives-national-award-2444634.html>





INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR PERFORMS UAE'S FIRST PAEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

Dr. Zainul Aabideen, Head of the Department of Paediatric Hematology and Oncology at Burjeel Medical City has performed the first paediatric stem cell bone marrow transplant in the UAE.

The procedure, conducted at the 400-bed multi-specialty hospital's Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, is the very first paediatric treatment of its kind to be performed in the country. Earlier, paediatric patients in the UAE who had to undergo allogeneic stem cell bone marrow transplants travelled to the US, the UK, India, and other European countries.

Source: Indian Express, 22/04/2022

<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/indian-doctor-performs-uae-first-paediatric-bone-marrow-transplant-7881535/>

INDIAN-ORIGIN SCIENTIST AMONG UBC RESEARCHERS

Dr Sriram Subramaniam, professor in the UBC faculty of medicine's department of biochemistry and molecular biology has been a part of a team of researchers at the prestigious University of British Columbia, which has conducted the world's first molecular-level structural analysis of the Omicron spike protein, which could help accelerate the development of more effective treatments against the variant. Spike protein helps the virus enter and infect human cells. The findings, done at near-atomic resolution using a cryo-electron microscope, show substantial antibody evasion and binding with human cells that contribute to more transmissibility and that inoculation remains the best defence

Source: The Logical Indian, 04/01/2022

<https://thelogicalindian.com/health/indian-origin-scientist-conducts-worlds-1st-molecular-level-analysis-of-omicron-33492>



TEN INDIAN AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AWARDED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN CANCER RESEARCH

Ten Indian American scientists were honored for their outstanding contributions in cancer research by the Society of American Asian Scientists in Cancer Research (SAASCR) on April 10. SAASCR is a non-profit with more than 5000 members. All its members are also members of American Association for Cancer Research. Dr. Rajvir Dahiya, President of SAASCR, presented the awards during the organization's annual meeting held here, April 8-13. Dr. Dharam Paul Chauhan, secretary of SAASCR was also present

Source: India West, 26/04/2022

<https://indiawest.com/2022/04/26/ten-indian-american-scientists-awarded-for-contributions-in-cancer-research/>



(Left to Right) Dr. Mani Menon, Dr. Mahendra Bhandari, Dr. Rajvir Dahiya (President SAASCR); Dr. Dharam Paul Chauhan (Secretary SAASCR); Dr. Badrinath R. Konety, and Dr. Ravindra Majeti. Lower panel (left to right) Dr. Ashutosh Tewari, Dr. Renuka V Iyer, Dr. Girish C Shukla, Dr. Sharad S Singla, Dr. Amit K Verma, Dr. Manoj K Mishra.

DR. SUDIP PARIKH RECEIVES HEALTH EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARD

Dr. Sudip Parikh, chief executive officer of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, AAAS, was honored with 2022 Health Education Visionary Award by the Washington DC based, Society for Women's Health Research. He was recognized for his work to advance women studying and working in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Society for Women's Health Research is a non-profit organisation with the goal of promoting research on biological sex differences in disease and is dedicated to transforming women's health through science, advocacy, and education.

Source: AAAS, 29/04/2022

<https://www.aaas.org/news/aaas-ceo-sudip-parikh-receives-health-education-visionary-award>





INDIAN DOCTOR SETS RECORD FOR PERFORMING EYE OPERATIONS

Dr SP Singh, the Director of the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and the Principal of the MLN Medical College (MLNMC) in Prayagraj, has set a new record by performing 107 phacoemulsification procedures with free intraocular lens (IOL) implants in a 16-and-a-half-hour period. The surgeries were performed between 6 a.m and 10.30 p.m. continuously for 16-and-a-half hours on 25th February.

Source: Wio News, 03/03/2022

<https://www.wionews.com/india-news/107-eye-operations-in-16-hours-indian-doctor-sets-new-record-458464>

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